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You should be interested in the attached two reports concerning the Membership of both the SSCI and the HPSCI.

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SUBJECT: SSCI's Future Membership

The membership of the SSCI could change radically in the next Congress. The so-called "8-year rule" limiting membership could very well remove nine Senators: Goldwater, Moynihan, Chafee, Garn, Inouye, Lugar, Wallop, Huddleston, and Biden. The remaining Senators would be: Republicans Durenberger, Cohen, and Roth; Democrats Leahy, Bentsen, and Nunn. Senator Durenberger (assuming a Republican majority returned to the next Congress) would be SSCI Chairman and both Staff Director Simmons and Minority Staff Director Schmitt believe he would retain his designee Ed Levine as Staff Director. Senator Leahy would become SSCI Vice Chairman; Eric Newsom would then be Minority Staff Director.

Waiting in the wings are Senators who have made known to Senators Goldwater and Moynihan (and in some cases, Majority Leader Baker) their desire to serve on the SSCI:

Democrats: Kennedy, Bradley, and Hart (reappointment).

Republicans: Wilson, Denton, Hecht, and East.

There is, however, talk of amending the 8-year rule by passing a resolution to that effect in the SSCI. (It is suggested, however, that Durenberger and Leahy, who have considerable to gain, would firmly oppose any such resolution.) The SSCI resolution would go to the Rules Committee (before being referred to the Senate) and there it would face Senators Inouye and Mathias--both having served on the SSCI--who are known to favor the 8-year rule. Other Rules Committee Senators would be more favorable to amending the rule, it is said. (The 8-year rule was the creation of Senators Church and Ribicoff--both long gone.) Majority Leader Baker is said to have "a very protective attitude" toward the SSCI having been a member and is likely to support a change to the 8-year rule. Senators Goldwater and Moynihan are known to wish to change the rule

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[redacted] There is, however, no definite plan as to how or when to proceed in this matter but SSCI staffers suggest any movement would be before the fall election. (This seems a bit surprising as Biden, Huddleston, Nunn, and Cohen are all facing election challenges--although their seats are thought to be safe at this writing.)

It should also be mentioned that the possibility exists that the rule could simply be ignored. There are a multitude of precedents in Senate history, I am told, for doing just

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[redacted] Incidentally, if the 8-year rule is allowed to take effect, nine SSCI staff designees would go, along with their principals, as well as both counsels and the Chief Clerk.

My feeling is that the 8-year rule is likely to be amended in such a way that most of the current membership will remain. (Goldwater is the only certain departee--to Armed Service Committee Chairmanship.) Contrary to a rumor

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HPSCI in the 99th Congress

1. It is really too early to tell how HPSCI will change in the 99th Congress. At this point, we can be relatively certain that eight Members will be departing the Committee at the end of the 98th Congress. During a recent hearing on the

Chairman Boland (D., MA), took a few minutes following the introduction of the participants to praise the work of the Committee over the last six years and to comment that eight of the Members would be leaving at the end of the 98th Congress. Based on this statement, I assume they are probably not going to alter the present six-year rotation rule. The following Members of HPSCI will be departing at the end of this session:

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Chairman Boland (D., MA)	
Romano L. Mazzoli (D., KY)	Chairman of the Subcommittee on Legislation
Norman Y. Mineta (D., CA)	Member, Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization
Wyche Fowler (D., GA)	Chairman of Subcommittee on Oversight and Evaluation
Albert Gore, Jr. (D., TN)	Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Evaluation (Running for Senate)
J. Kenneth Robinson (D., VA)	Ranking Minority Member and Member of the Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization
G. William Whitehurst (R., VA)	Member of the Subcommittee on Legislation
C. W. Bill Young (R., FL)	Member of the Subcommittees on Program and Budget Authorization and Oversight and Evaluation

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2. We expect the following Members will be returning to the Committee:

MAJORITY

Lee H. Hamilton (D., IN) Member of Subcommittee on Oversight and Evaluation
Louis Stokes (D., OH) Member of the Subcommittee on Legislation
Dave McCurdy (D., OK) Member of the Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization
Anthony C. Bielenson (D., CA) Member of the Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization
Bob Stump (R., AZ) Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization
William F. Goodling (R., PA) Member of Subcommittees on Legislation and Oversight and Evaluation

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James C. Wright (D., TX) and Robert H. Michel (R., IL) will probably remain as long as they occupy their current Majority and Minority positions in the 99th Congress.

3. Other than the departures of the eight present Members of the Committee, it is difficult to say what will happen to HPSCI.

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We have no information on what the Majority plans to do to restaff HPSCI. The Speaker and the Minority Leader make the appointments to HPSCI which are confirmed by the Democratic and Republican Caucuses, respectively.

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4. As far as staffers are concerned, we know precious little.

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expects that Mr. O'Neil will remain as

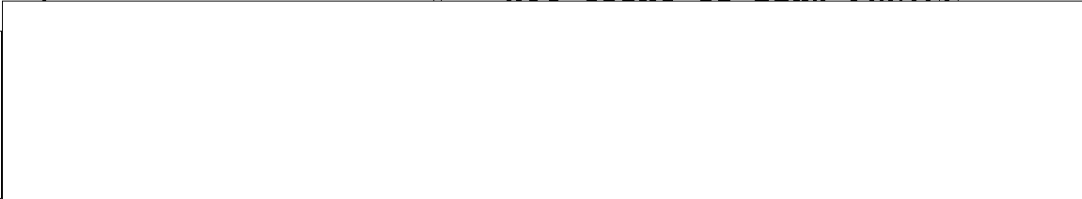
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Chief Counsel. My guess is that Mr. Latimer will remain as Chief of Staff. Jim Bush told us that he was thinking of retiring since Mr. Robinson was not going to seek reelection.



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